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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 4, and 5, to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

3. A CATV system according to Claim 1, characterized in that the CATV network (6) comprises a HFC network.

4. A CATV system according to claim 1, characterized in that the redirection nodes (30) receive the downstream data signals from at least one optical fiber.

5. A CATV system according to claim 1, characterized in that the CATV network (6) has a hierarchical tree-like structure with several hierarchical levels and several branches, wherein the CATV

network comprises horizontal interconnections (20) between redirection nodes (30) which are part of a same hierarchical level and/or diagonal interconnections (22) between redirection nodes (30) which are part of different hierarchical levels and of different branches.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserves their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A
MARKED-UP VERSION

3. A CATV system according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the CATV network (6) comprises a HFC network.

4. A CATV system according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ Claims claim 1, characterized in that the redirection nodes (30) receive the downstream data signals from at least one optical fiber.

5. A CATV system according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ Claims claim 1, characterized in that the CATV network (6) has a hierarchical tree-like structure with several hierarchical levels and several branches, wherein the CATV network comprises horizontal interconnections (20) between redirection nodes (30) which are part of a same hierarchical level and/or diagonal interconnections (22) between redirection nodes (30) which are part of different hierarchical levels and of different branches.